

Senate Resolution 300

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Williams of the 39th, James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mother Mary Eliza Walker Ward; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mother Mary Eliza Walker Ward on February 23, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mother Mary Eliza Walker Ward was born on October 9, 1917, a beloved
5 daughter of David Morris and Viola Robinson Walker; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she worked as a domestic engineer until she retired at the age of 80; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mother Ward was an active member of
8 Trinity AME Church, where she was consecrated as a deaconess and served as treasurer of
9 the Stewardess Board #1; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, Columbus, and was blessed
11 with nine remarkable children, Tinnie, Willie, James, Marilyn, Columbus, Connie, Bobby
12 Joe, Raymond, and Henry; 20 wonderful grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 26
13 great-great-grandchildren; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
15 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
16 her family and friends were admired by others; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
19 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mother Ward will long be remembered
21 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the
22 great fortune of knowing her.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 join in honoring the life and memory of Mother Mary Eliza Walker Ward and express their
25 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
28 Mother Mary Eliza Walker Ward.